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Flames beat Coyotes in Phoenix

Nurses may return to schools

- Cost, details of plan still being determined
- Pilot would likely last for one or two years, would include Calgary schools

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School nurses could be back in Alberta schools as early as this fall, according to the minister of education.

Thomas Lukaszuk told Metro he sees incredible benefits to bringing nurses into the school system and he's working on such an initiative.

"(Nurses), sort of through attrition, disappeared over the last 20-25 years in our schools," Lukaszuk said.

"My first six grades of education were in Europe and we always had a nurse in the school, and I remember them to be very valuable."

Lukaszuk indicated he's working with Health and Wellness Minister Fred Horne to develop the framework to launch a pilot program, which he says could be operating in Calgary and Edmonton schools this fall.

"Obviously proximity to students is important, and early intervention, especially with mental-health issues," said Horne.

Lukaszuk said there are opportunities for nurses to provide care to students for a certain portion of the day and serve the broader community after school hours.

"There are a number of roles a public-health or community nurse could play in a school," he said. "It's something I'm working on very actively."

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▶ Michelle Dennis, vice-president external with the student association of Mount Royal University, addresses media after finding out her former colleague Meghan Melnyk, inset, was arrested for allegedly robbing a bank.

Ex-MRU student president charged in bank robbery

Students' association says it doesn't conduct background checks on elected students ◐ Melnyk resigned from her role just over one month ago

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Students and staff at Mount Royal University were left questioning the past of the former students' association president Thursday after learning she allegedly robbed a bank.

Meghan Darcy Melnyk, 27, was arrested Wednesday afternoon after police say around 1:40 p.m., a woman entered the Servus Credit Union in the 5300 block of 68 Avenue S.E. and approached the teller, producing a note demanding cash and indicating she has a weapon.

She was given an undisclosed amount of cash and exited the building before being tracked down by police and taken into custody.

On Jan. 31, the SAMRU issued a statement indicating Melnyk had resigned following two periodic reviews, which identified several "anomalies."

"We are as shocked as everyone else to hear about the news about Meghan Melnyk's allegations against her," said Mount Royal University student association's VP external Michelle Dennis.

"We don't know the cause of her actions ... but we hope that she finds the support and the help that she needs."

Dennis did not elaborate on Melnyk's departure as president, but said there was no indication she had stolen from the association during her time.

Background

- Police say outstanding warrants for fraud, uttering forged documents and breach of probation were also executed on Melnyk.
- Acting Insp. Grant Miller with the Calgary Police said the fraud charges are from 2010 and are related to a stolen pursue.
- Police say they don't believe Melnyk is responsible for any other bank robberies.

Husky that killed toddler euthanized

At the wishes of the family, officials euthanized an Airdrie husky Thursday that is responsible for killing a days-old toddler.

Baby Fradette died in the Alberta Children's Hospital Feb. 15 after suffering severe bite wounds from one of four huskies believed to be living inside a residence owned by his parents.

Neighbours and friends said the Fradette family has long been involved in the sport of dog-sledding, running a small equipment supply business out of their home.

The decision to put the husky down came despite at least one dozen offers from dog lovers across Canada to adopt the pet.

"Having had time to reflect, search for answers and determine the best course of action for our family, we have made the decision to euthanize our family pet," read a statement from the family, notifying the public of their decision.

RCMP Sgt. Patricia Neely said the decision was made following consultation between the Fradettes and Airdrie bylaw officials.

"Anytime you have the death of an infant involved, obviously it resonates with a huge portion of the population," Neely added. "It's such a tragedy of massive proportions."

A memorial fund in honour of baby Fradette has been established at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

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Nurses ready and available for schools, says AHS

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▶ AHS says public-health nurses are engaged with schools on an ongoing basis.

While nurses are not currently based in schools, they are available, according to Alberta Health Services.

Public-health nurses are provided for school use, as well as to community health centres, according to AHS spokesperson Kerry Williamson.

"The school health nurses are engaged with their respective schools on an ongoing basis," said Williamson. "The comprehensive school health model is one of collaboration, as based on interactive relationships and support. The school health nurses are not physically based in a school."

The AHS staff are assigned a certain number of schools, whether it be Catholic or public, said Lori Nagy, spokesperson for Edmonton Catholic School District.

Public health nurses also deliver school immunization programs, and lead communicable disease follow-up by providing related information to schools and families as required.

They also facilitate access to technical advice on public and environmental health-related content, such as air quality and communicable disease.

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▶ Kim Mustard gives a kiss to her son Mason, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes last year. Mustard quit her job to stay home with Mason and her two-and-a-half-year-old son Drew, right.

School nurses a benefit: Parents

Community health nurses already visit schools periodically
Calgary mom Kim Mustard ready to lobby province for on-site nurses

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The thought of having a school nurse on site is certainly pleasing to at least one Calgary mom, who believes the program would provide enormous benefits to both she and her young son.

After her now four-and-a-half-year-old son Mason was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes over a year ago, Kim Mustard immediately began thinking about school.

"Definitely with a child with Type 1 diabetes who is insulin dependent, not having a nurse in the school is a challenge," she said. "Basically, (the nurses) told me that until Grade 5, I should assume that I have to go to the school to give him insulin."

Mustard quit her job and now works part-time from her home in Bowness so she can be close by when Mason enters kindergarten this fall.

"(Having a school nurse) would at least mean there's a possibility that I could get a job outside of the home and work," she said.

Fellow parent of two David Hartwick said he sees school nurses being beneficial for the emotional and mental wellbeing of a child as well.

"It might take a little bit of pressure off of our teachers because I think they are dealing with a lot more pressure than they were 20 years ago," he said.

However, Hartwick said he questions whether the province has enough nurses to staff such an initiative.

"It just concerns me that the province is making a short-sighted decision, but on the other side, here is a resource that I think a lot of kids could use."

Mustard, meanwhile said she fully supports the idea. "I'll certainly follow up with the Minister of Education to reinforce the value of this."

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▶ Some drivers are burning through Calgary intersections, like this one in the northeast, at speeds more than double the posted limit.

Drivers speeding by intersections

Police plead with motorists to ease up on gas pedal

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In 2011 alone, intersection cameras caught 116,322 vehicles travelling over the posted speed limit.

Tens of thousands of lead-footed drivers are blowing through Calgary intersections at speeds well over the posted limit, new data reveals.

Police have determined the average driver tagged by so-called "speed-on-green" cameras, which are rotated through 51 locations citywide, is travelling 22 km/h over the posted limit.

Karim El-Basyouny, an urban traffic-safety specialist based out of the University of Alberta, says the vehicle's location when these speeds are being recorded further compounds the danger.

"Intersections are much more complex areas for drivers," he said. "Drivers require additional manoeuvres."

On the extreme end of the violations, some motorists have flirted with speeds that are more than double the legal limit. One driver travelling eastbound on the Trans-Canada Highway was caught going 184 km/h at Canada Olympic Park Drive.

The posted speed limit there is 80 km/h.

El-Basyouny says drivers are drastically increasing the likelihood of a collision and resulting fatalities when travelling at such speeds. He says statistics indicate just a 10 per cent chance of a pedestrian dying if they are struck by a vehicle travelling at 30 km/h.

"At 70 kilometres per hour, that's like 100 per cent," he said.

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WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO GET YOU INTERESTED IN CASTING A BALLOT?

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The provincial elections, while still not officially announced, are likely just around the corner, which means that columnists like myself will spend the next few months attempting to remind you of the importance of getting out and voting.

For the most par,t our arguments, no matter how witty, will fall of deaf ears. But it seems that a University of Calgary student has found the way to finally get people talking about voting and it's all because of several trips to the bathroom.

Hayley Wade is running for vice-president, student life, for the school's student union. With the election just a few days away, Hayley put up signs with the phrase "Great d--k bro!" typed across the bottom of the posters. Attention-getting, right? Now imagine that you're a guy and the poster is strategically placed above the urinal. Genius. I'm sure there are lots of people who'll be up in arms about Wade's campaign posters, but I for one applaud her. Obviously, the poster doesn't say anything about her actual platform, but at least it gets you curious about her campaign. And what do you want to bet that many students who saw the posters didn't even know there was an election?

"Whether you're talking about elections at the university level or all the way up to the federal level, the normal way of getting people interested just isn't working anymore."

Whether you're talking about elections at the university level or all the way up to the federal level, the normal way of getting people interested just isn't working anymore. Politicians need to be creative and resourceful. I don't know if you've ever watched CPAC, but they have a long way to go.

We want our elected officials to seem human, to seem like us. What makes them laugh? What do they do for fun? What's their drink of choice when they want to go out on the town? We'll have lots of time to talk about the serious stuff later, but maybe those looking to run the city, province or country should look to the university student who has made elections at least something that students are talking about.

As someone who ran for student office in junior high, high school and university and lost every single time, I can tell you that it can be hard to get people to vote for you … especially if you're not willing to wear a miniskirt to nail down the teenage-boy vote. But Hayley Wade has done something that politicians pay a lot of money to do — she's got me interested in an election.

Your move, Redford.

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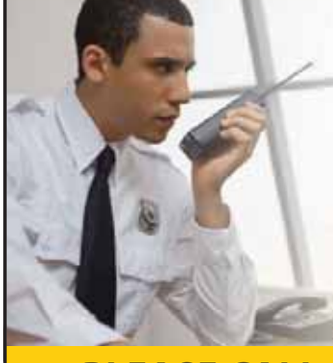

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Local teen gets NASCAR ride

- Cameron Hayley, 15, of Priddis joins K&N pro series
- First race of season goes Saturday in Phoenix

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▶ Cameron Hayley, 15, stands in front of the car he'll be racing this season in the NASCAR K & N pro series.

He doesn't even have an Alberta driver's licence yet, but 15-year-old Cameron Hayley is getting plenty of driving practice.

Selected by Team McAnally Racing, Hayley is the youngest driver ever to qualify for the NASCAR K&N series.

Hayley explained over the phone Thursday from Phoenix that he began racing when he was six years old, after he got his first go-kart.

Last season, a rule change allowing 15-year-old drivers meant Hayley could compete.

"It still hasn't sunk in," he said.

When he found out he had been signed to drive for this upcoming season, Hayley said he was elated.

"I'm not much of a crier, but that almost brought me to tears when I heard that. Just to get this opportunity is incredible."

Despite his 16th birthday approaching in July, the Bishop Carroll High School student said he's unsure about getting his driver's licence.

"It's really boring driving around the city," he said, adding he has a hard time staying awake when he's driving the speed limit.

Hayley will take part in his first race of the season this weekend.

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Hayley had two podium finishes in the three NASCAR races he took part in last season.

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Questions remain in Airdrie murder-suicide investigation

FACEBOOK/METRO FILE

▶ Andrea Conroy

RCMP say they were given no notice of issues between an Airdrie mother and her ex-boyfriend who are now at the centre of a murder-suicide investigation.

Investigators confirmed Thursday that Andrea Conroy, 33, was stabbed to death in her own home and the lone suspect is former partner Rick Doucette, 41, who was found dead in a Nanton motel days later.

RCMP Insp. Tony Hamori said major crimes investigators from Calgary are involved in the case — common practice for all homicides occurring in southern Alberta — but offered few other details about Doucette's actions following the murder.

The Marku family, which owns the Double D Motel in Nanton, where Doucette's body was found, said a woman checked into the room where Doucette was eventually found Feb. 24 and then left the next morning. The accomplished bodybuilder's body was found later that day.

"It's still shocking to me that something like this happened in such a small town," said James Marku on Thursday. "It doesn't (happen) every day, that's for sure."

JEREMY NOLAIS

Chronology

- **Feb. 21:** Family members tell Metro that RCMP have said Andrea Conroy was stabbed to death in her Bayside home on Feb. 21.
- **Feb. 24:** Responding to a check-on-welfare call, RCMP discover Conroy's body roughly three days after she was killed. Her seven-year-old daughter is not present at the time of her death.
- **Feb. 24:** Owners of the Double D Motel in Nanton report a short woman with blond hair checked into a room at their establishment.
- **Feb. 25:** The same woman checks out the next morning. Motel owner Drita Marku discovers Rick Doucette's body inside the room.

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Charges laid in home invasion

Police have charged a man in connection with a home invasion in Hawkwood last month and continue to search for two other suspects. On Feb. 19, three armed men broke down the door of a residence on Hawkwood Boulevard.

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Robber after OxyContin: Police

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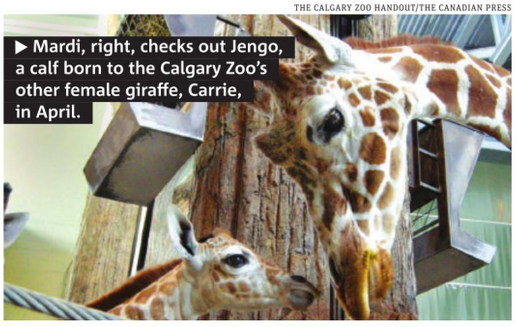

▶ Mardi, right, checks out Jengo, a calf born to the Calgary Zoo's other female giraffe, Carrie, in April.

Zoo bids giraffe goodbye

▶ Reticulated giraffe, 22, euthanized Thursday due to age-related degenerative arthritis in ankles ▶ She had been struggling: Spokeswoman

Old age and declining health forced the Calgary Zoo to say goodbye to one of its most-loved animals and grande dame of its African Savannah exhibit.

Mardi, a reticulated giraffe, had to be euthanized Thursday.

She had a condition in her ankles and had been getting extra TLC from her vets and keepers, zoo spokeswoman Laurie Skene said. Mardi had regularly received medicine and acupuncture to relieve discomfort, reduce swelling and diminish inflammation. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Airdrie eyes post-secondary options

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43,155 Airdrie's population as of the 2011 Statistics Canada census is 43,155. Between 2010 and 2011, the population increased 8.4 per cent.

As the city of Airdrie continues to grow, officials say they are making known their interest in becoming home to a post-secondary institution.

Kent Rupert, team leader with Airdrie Economic Development, explained that city council commissioned a feasibility study to determine if they should further explore the potential of a post-secondary campus.

"(The study) identified there's already a lot of really good things going on in Airdrie," said Rupert.

While city staff are unsure if a future school would be a full-fledged university, private institution or satellite campus, Rupert said the report has provided council with the knowledge that the city may be an ideal location for a future school.

"We do realize it's going to take a while."

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▶ A turtle brooch was among the items stolen.

Police seek stolen Russian treasures

Calgary police are appealing for the public to help track down some priceless Russian treasures stolen from an elderly woman's home earlier this month.

Some of the jewelry dates back to the 19th century. Among the items taken were a watch, pendant and two brooches.

Photos of the stolen items are available online at newsroom.calgary.ca.

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News in brief

Federal workers protest

Decrying cuts by the Conservative government to public services, about 100 Calgary-based federal employees held a demonstration Thursday. The Public Service Alliance of Canada members stood in unison downtown over the noon hour.

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I'm keeping my word: Redford

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Charter schools given licence to boost enrolment

Nearly 8,000 students enrolled provincewide Thousands more on waiting lists

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Enrolment caps for Alberta charter schools will be relaxed, but finding room to cram in more students will likely pose a challenge, the education minister said Thursday.

Thomas Lukaszuk said his government will fully support applications by charter schools to boost their allotted enrolment.

The province is also extending the terms of agreement with such institutions to 15 years, up from the current five-year term.

"Charter schools have a proven track record in Alberta.... We will continue dialoguing with all stakeholders in Alberta education and see whether there's room to grow and desire to do that," he said.

But overall growth within current charter schools will be "nominal," Lukaszuk said, likely less than 2,000 additional spaces provincewide.

Parents with children already enrolled said Thursday they know of waitlists more than double the size of the school's actual capacity.

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▶ Jennifer O'Shea, left, and Sue Deyell of the upcoming Calgary West Country Market.

New farmers' market due this spring

Calgarians can saddle up this spring and head out to a new Calgary-area farmers' market intended for the whole family.

Beginning in April and running through to October, the Calgary West Country Market will be open for shoppers every Saturday.

"There will be fruits and veggies, hot food — pretty much anything you can think to find at a market," said manager Jennifer O'Shea.

Along with several vendors, there is an on-site Italian restaurant and a prop building, which houses movie props from many of the western films made in Alberta.

"We very much want the whole family to come out," said O'Shea. "It will be a destination, not just a place to buy stuff."

O'Shea said after their first year of operation, they may look to become a year-round market.

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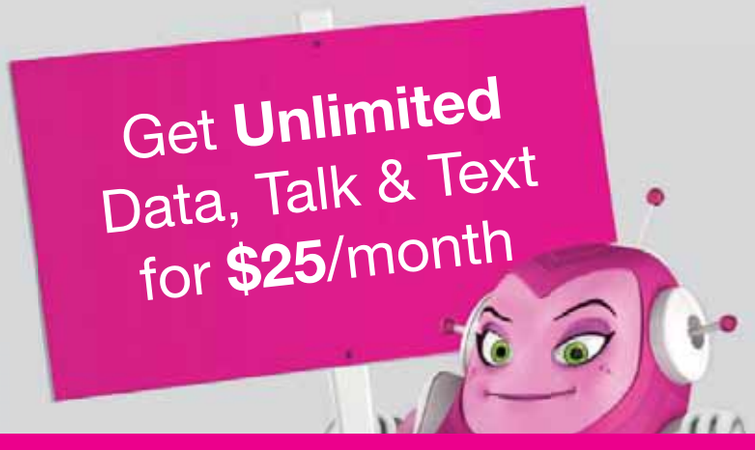

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Full-throttle mystery

Derailed VIA train had been doing almost 108 km/h
Switch under investigation requires slowing to 24 km/h

A passenger train that derailed while switching tracks — killing three engineers and injuring 45 passengers — was travelling at almost 108 km/h when it derailed west of Toronto on Sunday, says The Transportation Safety Board.

The speed limit while changing tracks at that particular switch is 24 kilometres.

"While we know the excess speed caused the derailment, this is not the end of the investigation," lead investigator Tom Griffith said Thursday. "It's only the beginning.

"We need to figure out why. We need to understand the environment in which the crew was operating and why they made the decisions they did."

Griffith said the train's black box also shows the brakes were not applied before the crash.

When asked if track signals to alert the crew were working, Griffith replied: "Were the signals 100 per cent? We don't know that right now."

Still, Griffith said there's no indication the signals were malfunctioning, adding he doesn't know why the brakes weren't applied, or why the speed was as high as it was.

Two of the engineers, Peter Snarr, 52, and Ken Simmonds, 56, both of Toronto, were experienced drivers, each with more than 30 years in the industry. A trainee, Patrick Robinson, 40, of Cornwall, Ont., joined them in the cab to observe.

Although Robinson was new to passenger trains, he had 20 years experience with freight.

"We had three experienced people at the front of that train. Why were they doing that? That's what we have to find out."
TOM GRIFFITH, LEAD INVESTIGATOR

The switch involved requires the train to slow to 24 kilometres instead of the usual 72 kilometres.

Still, he added, the signal indication would have been yellow, telling the engineers that they had to reduce the speed.

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School. Protest

▶ A demonstrator impersonates Quebec Premier Jean Charest blocking his ears and refusing to listen in Quebec City Thursday.

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Students take a stand on high fees

Thousands of students marched to the legislature to protest the government's plan to raise tuition fees to $3,800 from $2,200 over the next five years. Many carried signs, while some boycotted classes.

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‘Black Madam’ arrested for bad butt injections

Padge Windslowe, 42, injected patients with toxic cocktails

A woman dubbed the “Black Madam” could face charges in the death of a London tourist who received illegal buttocks-enhancement injections last year in a Philadelphia hotel, police said.

Padge Victoria Windslowe, 42, was arrested Wednesday night as she prepared to host a “pumping party,” where she was to illegally inject clients, according to police.

She faces charges including aggravated assault and deceptive practices after one of her clients, an exotic dancer, suffered serious lung problems after an injection, Philadelphia police Lt. John Walker said. Windslowe was arraigned Thursday and was being held on $10 million bail, prosecutors said.

Windslowe is a person of interest in the death of the 20-year-old London woman who last year received injections at a hotel near Philadelphia International Airport, Walker said.

He said she will likely be charged with murder in that case if the medical examiner rules Windslowe’s injection caused the death of Claudia Aderotimi, who complained of chest pain and difficulty breathing following the procedure. No charges have been filed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wales. Of a good time

▶ Britain’s Prince Charles fires a paintball gun as he meets personnel from The Welsh Guards’ 1st Battalion during a visit to their barracks in Hounslow, England, to mark St. David’s Day, a national day of celebration in Wales, on Thursday.

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Prince Charles celebrates St. David’s Day

The first day of March was chosen in remembrance of the death of St. David, the patron saint of Wales. The date was declared a national day of celebration in the 18th century. Leeks are traditionally worn and/or eaten on the holiday.

Cellphone auto-correct prompts lockdown of Georgia schools

A cellphone’s auto-corrected text message prompted lockdowns at a middle and high school in the town of Oakwood, Ga., on Wednesday.

The text had originally read: “gunna be at west hall today.” But the phone’s auto-correct feature changed “gunna” to “gunman.” The change went unnoticed by the sender before the text was sent out.

Further adding to the confusion, the text was sent to the wrong number and the police were promptly called, according to the Gainsville Times. As police were investigating, the West Hall middle and high schools were closed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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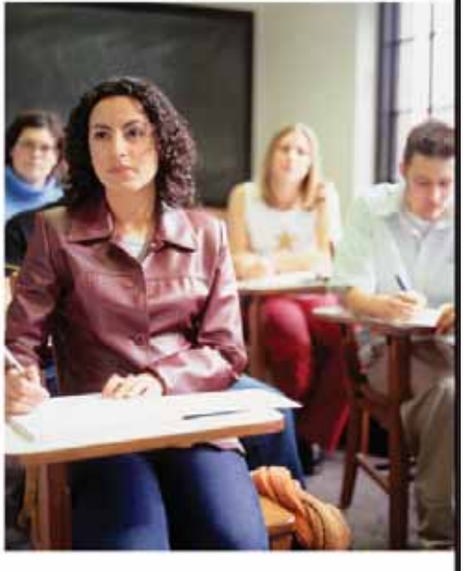

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‘Flash robs’ coming

Gangsters and teenagers alike using social networking to organize looting parties at understaffed shops But police are closing in on flash robbers

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The young man noticed that the Hugo Boss store was staffed by a single sales clerk. He posted a message to the app Foursquare from his smartphone. Thirty minutes later, a mob of 50 entered the store and ransacked it. By the time police arrived three minutes later, the mob had dispersed.

This is the dark side of the flash mob. If smartphone-powered crowds can come together to do a good deed, they can just as easily gather to commit crimes.

“Criminals don’t have worse skills with technology than average citizens,” says George Knox, director of the U.S. National Gang Crime Research Center in Chicago. “Gangs use flash mobs for looting. If there’s a security guard, he can tackle four to five people, but not 50, and most shops can’t afford to install security systems.”

The 2011 London riots were, in essence, “flash robs” — impromptu looting of stores organized on social media. Criminal flash mobs, consisting mostly of teenagers, have also attacked stores and residents in Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Flash robs haven’t yet taken over city centres, although not for lack of trying.

“The police are getting very sophisticated about getting information from people’s phones,” says Daniel Silverstone, a professor of criminology at London Metropolitan University.

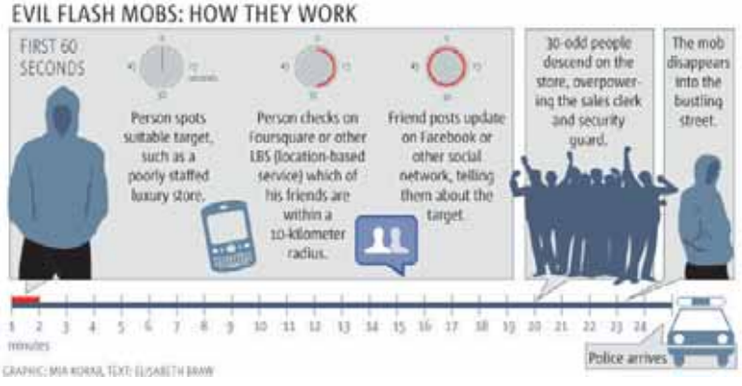
Const. Scott Mills of the Toronto Police Service is among 170 officers who have received social-media training, and whose job it is to root out flash robs before they happen.

“I’m walking the beat on social media, and that prevents crimes just like a cop walking the street does,” says Mills, also known as Graffiti BMX Cop (@GraffitiBMXCop).

“I look for signs of trouble on Twitter and Facebook, and young people can report things to me on the same media. Users approach me on Twitter and Facebook and say things like, ‘Hey, check this out.’ Once, a Facebook user told me about a planned school shooting, and we were able to prevent it.”

But we mustn’t always assume that people getting together have bad intentions, says Clifford Stott, lecturer in crowd psychology at the University of Liverpool.

“After the London riots,” he notes, “people used social media to quickly gather and clean up.”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Smoke, panic, separation:

The worst moments for Gordon and Eleanor Bradwell on the disabled cruise ship Costa Allegra came immediately after the wail of the general alarm. Eleanor quickly left lunch to get a life vest in the couple’s cabin. Gordon was pushed in another direction. The scent of smoke grew stronger. Then the lifeboats dropped.

Some passengers panicked, shouting out family members’ names. The Bradwells, of Athens, Ga., feared they wouldn’t find each another. “Those were the worst moments,” Gordon Bradwell said.

The Costa Allegra docked in the Seychelles on Thursday nearly three full days after a fire broke out in the ship’s generator room.

The fire came only six weeks after the Costa Concordia capsized off Italy, killing 25 people and leaving seven missing, a fact that was on many passengers’ minds.

After the general alarm was called off Monday, life settled down on the Allegra. But there were no more hot meals, and the toilets couldn’t be flushed and they

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Analysis

THRILL GAME

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Currently there are at least two kinds of "flash robs." The first are criminal actions by small-time thieves who target shops, flood them suddenly, overwhelm clerks, take what they can and leave before police can arrive.

The second are political actions by anarchists who hijack demonstrations that provide cover and opportunity, for example, the British student protest marches last year. Upon reaching the high streets with upscale shops, small numbers of anarchists suddenly emerged from among the marchers to break store windows, create havoc and then flee before they could be apprehended.

Young people watching media reports saw that police were ill-equipped to respond quickly and saw an opportunity for low-cost, high-risk "shopping" in the form of "flash robs."

Three days adrift on liner

▶ A passenger on the Costa Allegra sleeps on deck Tuesday.

quickly filled, blanketing the bathrooms in stench.

Cawan Finn, using a Britishism, summed up the bathroom situation. "I haven't had a whoopsie for about four days now," the 65-year-old said.

But it could have been worse. "We were just drifting ... what if there had been a major storm?"

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Parties point fingers

Tories deny robocall involvement, accuse Liberals

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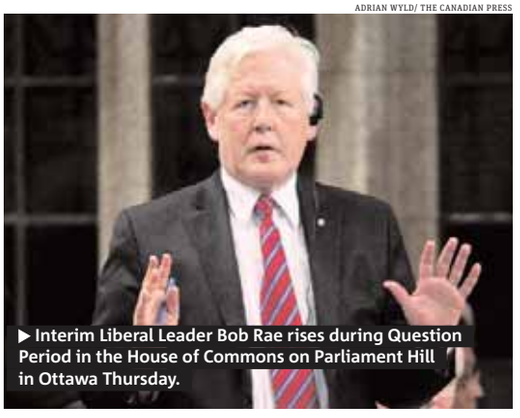

▶ Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae rises during Question Period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa Thursday.

The Conservative party says it didn't use U.S.-based call services to get out the vote in the May election, but the Liberals did.

The Tories say that means they can't be behind allegations of harassing phone calls originating from American area codes during the last campaign, but maybe the Liberals were.

Many people have reported receiving strange calls — some from American numbers — during the May election that either misled them about polling stations or came at odd hours.

Elections Canada is investigating the origin of calls made in the riding of Guelph, but a stream of people from other ridings are also complaining about suspect calls.

"The Conservatives only use call centres based in Canada," said party spokesman Fred DeLorey.

He said the onus is on the Liberals to prove the calls aren't connected to the dozens of contracts that party has with its own calling firms.

In question period, Prime Minister Stephen Harper challenged Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae to produce his evidence about the robocall accusations.

Rae said the Tories were trying to duck the issue.

"The prime minister and his colleagues have a remarkable ability to turn themselves into victims," Rae said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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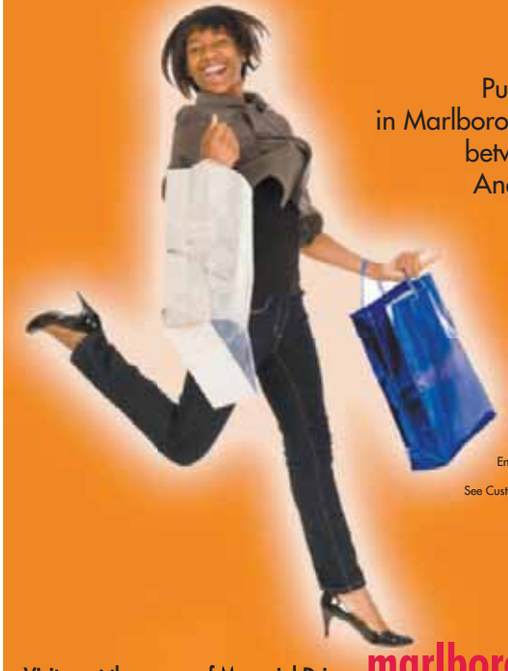

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Fewer Canadians investing in RRSPs

- Canadians worried about economy wait to contribute
- Pension crisis looms as demographics shift

Slightly fewer Canadians contributed to their RRSPs this year, but those who did invested a little bit more, says a Bank of Montreal retirement expert.

A bank survey showed about 38 per cent of Canadians had contributed or planned to put money into an RRSP before Wednesday's midnight deadline for the 2011 tax year

That was down slightly from 39 per cent the year before and close to 38 per cent for the 2009 tax year.

Worries about the stock market, weakening job prospects and the slumping economy have made many Canadians cautious with their money. Yet there hasn't been a big decline in the popularity of the tax-deducted RRSP retirement account.

"It's been pretty much consistent for the past three years," said Tina Di-Vito head of the BMO Retirement Institute. "It's good news that it hasn't significantly declined.

"The numbers this year were a little bit lower than last year, which can be a bit of a concern, but they're not so significantly lower that it's something that we can't recover from."

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By the numbers

- **A recent survey** by Scotiabank found that just two in five Canadians — roughly 39 per cent — said they planned to contribute to an RRSP for 2011 tax year.
- **That's down** sharply from 53 per cent a year earlier.
- **Retirement saving responsibilities** have been shifting onto individuals as companies cut back on their pension offerings in a move to save money.
- **Meanwhile, Canadians are racking up debt** and drawing down on savings, causing some experts to sound pension alarm bells.

Canadian auto sales keep growing

Some of the world's largest automakers saw Canadian sales grow by double digits last month as more customers flocked to showrooms shopping for new vehicles.

A spike in gas prices has sent more consumers looking for fuel-efficient vehicles, while the average age of vehicles on Canadian roads reaches new records, leading to an increased need to replace aging vehicles.

Meanwhile, interest rates remain low, making auto loans cheap. And Japanese automakers have largely recovered from a disruption due to last year's earthquake and tsunami.

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Nexopia blasted for lax privacy

Canada's privacy czar says a popular social networking site for young people breached federal privacy law.

Jennifer Stoddart's office makes dozens of suggestions in her report.

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LOST

Canadian tourist goes missing from cruise

Investigators say a Canadian woman has gone missing from a cruise ship somewhere between Grand Bahama and the Florida coast.

The U.S. Coast Guard is searching for the 47-year-old woman in an area spanning nearly 1,500 kilometres.

An FBI spokesman says there is no additional information about her disappearance.

The woman's boyfriend told authorities he last saw her early Wednesday when he left her at a ship gift shop.

The ship was returning from Freeport, Bahamas, to the Port of Palm Beach.

The man said he left the gift shop for the casino and then returned to their cabin. He alerted the ship's crew when he awoke and realized she had not returned.

Celebration Cruise Line spokesman Glenn Ryerson says the ship, resumed its cruise schedule and returned to sea Wednesday evening.

The ship can carry as many as 2,000 passengers.

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China may soon join space station

The five partners in the International Space Station appear ready to welcome China into the group — although it may take a while before that happens.

The heads of the five space agencies involved in the station wrapped up a meeting in Quebec City by underlining the station's benefits for humanity.

They said the partnership has begun considering long-range opportunities to further advance human space exploration.

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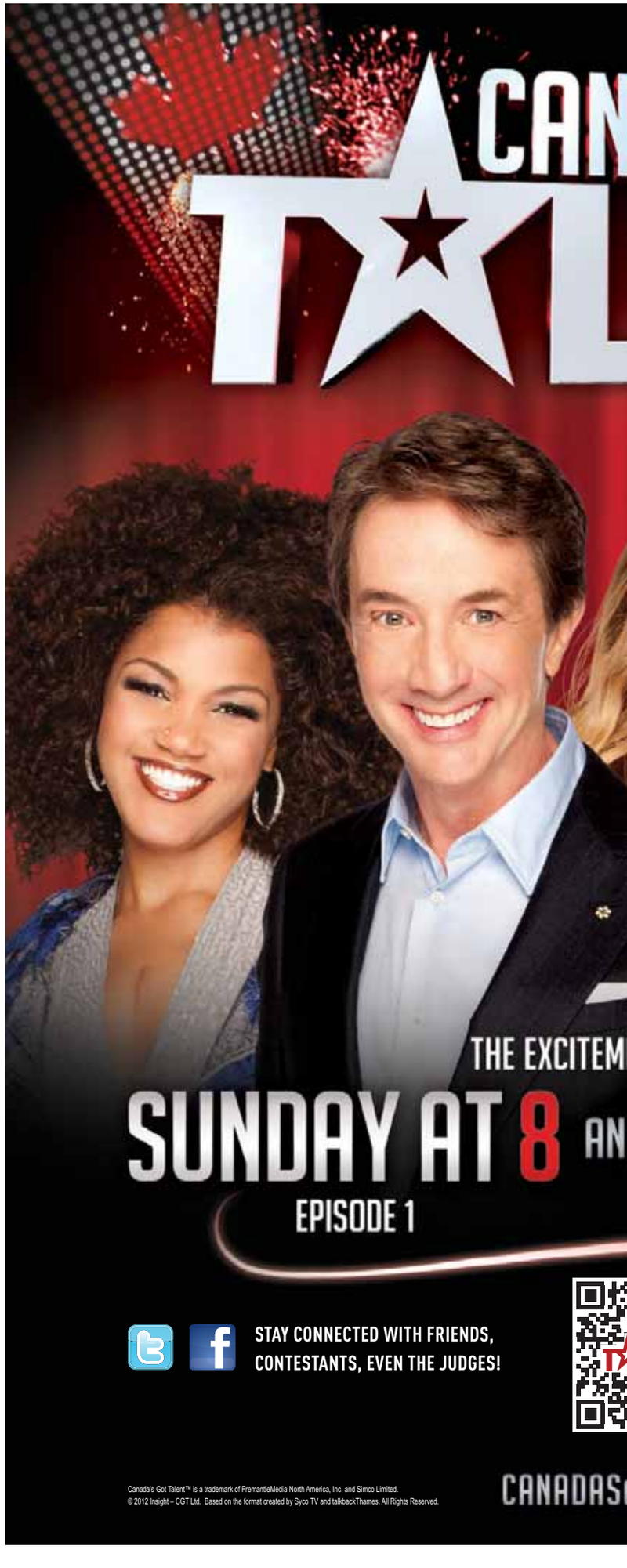
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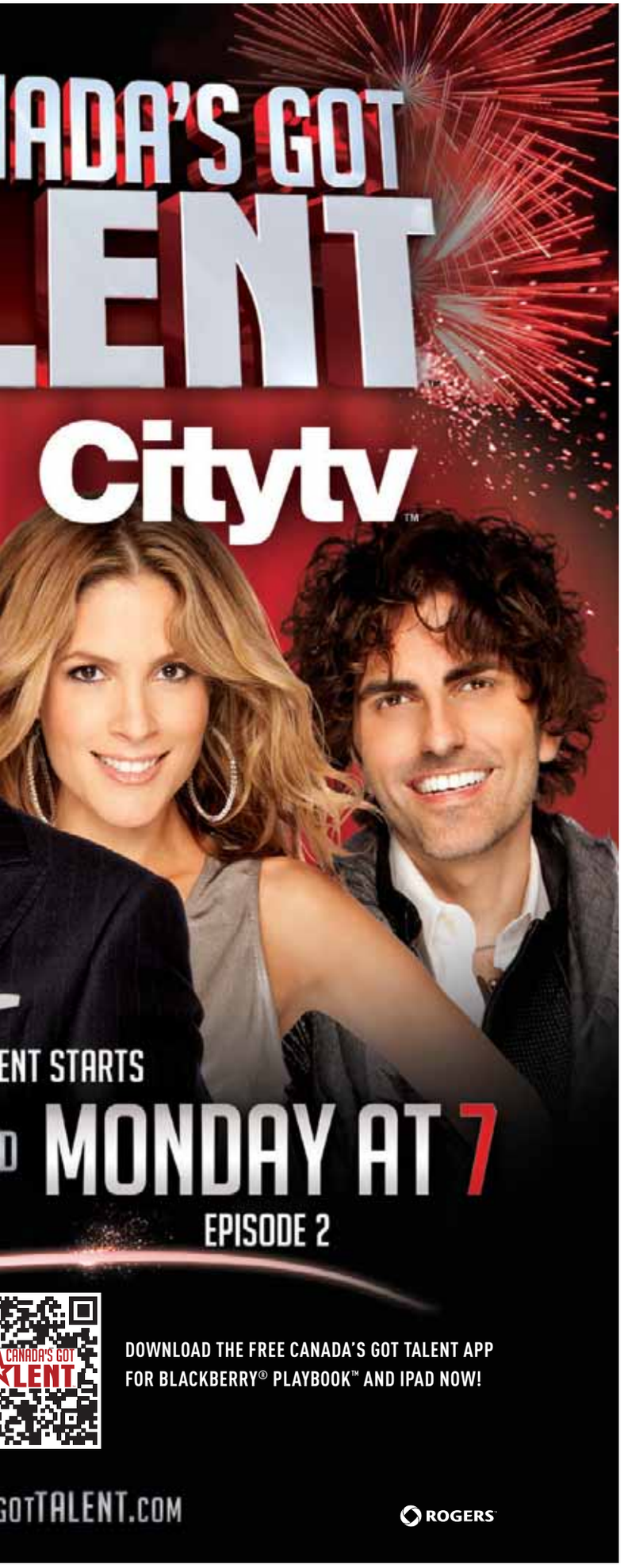

Taxpayers pick up $12.4M ad tab ahead of budget

When Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced this week that March 29 will be federal budget day, the very first words out of his mouth heralded the coming "Jobs and Growth Budget."

If the phrase sounds vaguely familiar, it should.

Taxpayers are footing the bill for a $12.4-million government ad campaign with one common message: "creating jobs and growth."

"This is nothing more than having taxpayers pay for advertising ... that should rightly be paid for by the Conservative party."
JONATHAN ROSE, A POLITICAL SCIENTIST AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

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▶ Jim Flaherty

Complementary campaigns by Finance Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency ran throughout February and will continue through March, backstopping the Harper government's political message.

"Canada's economic action plan is helping create jobs and growth," says the opening voice-over of two Finance Canada ads, staged in a fake coffee shop that looks remarkably like a Tim Hortons. The catch-phrase gets repeated twice more in the 30-second spots.

"Tax savings are working for Canadians, helping create jobs and growth," says the central line in each of three tax agency ads from the CRA.

The government's economic action plan website has a banner tag line: "Focused on Jobs and Growth." The banner is just above links to the Finance Canada TV ads. Below that on the web page there's a "jobs and growth blog."

The irony is that the government-wide message — and its taxpayer-funded promotion — comes in advance of a federal budget that Conservative ministers have said could slash spending by as much as $8 billion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Jobs. Protest

▶ Members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada gather outside their offices in Halifax on Thursday.

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Cuts unite, anger union members

The lunch-hour demonstration was part of a nationwide effort to protest expected job cuts by the federal government that will be revealed March 29.

Car-surfing victim in hospital

A car-surfing incident has left a 19-year-old Ontario man with life-threatening head injuries and the driver facing criminal charges.

Police say the man was standing on the hood of a Toyota as it drove down a street in Ajax, just east of Toronto, on Wednesday night.

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Feds too lenient with tax cheats: Senator

The federal government isn't doing enough to catch tax cheats who stash money overseas says a Liberal senator.

Percy Downe said the government has the names of hundreds who hold million of dollars in accounts. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Targeting of laundering may not be necessary

The government is trying to expand Canada's anti-money-laundering system without proof the new powers are needed.

Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart told a Senate committee there is an extensive regime in place.

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Pipeline remains U.S. election issue

Obama signals change in attitude to Keystone XL
Blames Republican pressure for decision to cancel

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▶ Barack Obama

TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline was front and centre on the American political stage on Thursday as both U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney extolled the virtues of the Canadian project.

"It's a fact that we've approved dozens of new pipelines, including from Canada," Obama said in remarks to a community college in Nashua, N.H.

The Obama administration signalled a shift in attitude toward Keystone XL earlier this week when the president praised TransCanada's decision to proceed with constructing the pipeline from Cushing, Okla., to Port Arthur, Tex.

In November, the Obama administration deferred making a decision on Keystone until after this year's presidential election, citing concerns about the risks the pipeline's proposed route could pose to the Sand Hills region of Nebraska.

In January, facing a mid-February deadline imposed by congressional Republicans, the Obama administration rejected TransCanada's permit outright, saying it didn't have enough time to thoroughly review a new route before giving it the green light.

Romney, meantime, during a campaign stop Thursday in North Dakota, mocked Obama for rejecting the Keystone pipeline.

"When someone says we want to bring in a pipeline that's going to create tens of thousands of jobs to bring oil in from Canada, how in the world could you say no?" he asked.

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Haida. Art

▶ Haida artist Bill Reid's sculpture Killer Whale was stolen 16 years ago.

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Stolen art recovered

This sculpture, worth close to half-a-million dollars, was recovered by the Ottawa Police service with help from Heffel Fine Art Auction House.

Oilsands companies sign pact on environment

A group of Canada's oilsands producers, including some of the industry's biggest names, said Thursday they can improve environmental performance with an alliance that will allow them to share their knowledge and resources.

Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance includes such major oilsands producers as Shell, Suncor and Imperial Oil. Members say it will break down barriers that may otherwise slow progress on environmental performance.

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CEOs of 12 companies have signed the founding charter of Canada's Oil Sands Innovation Alliance.

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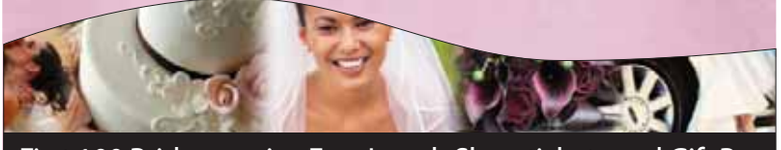

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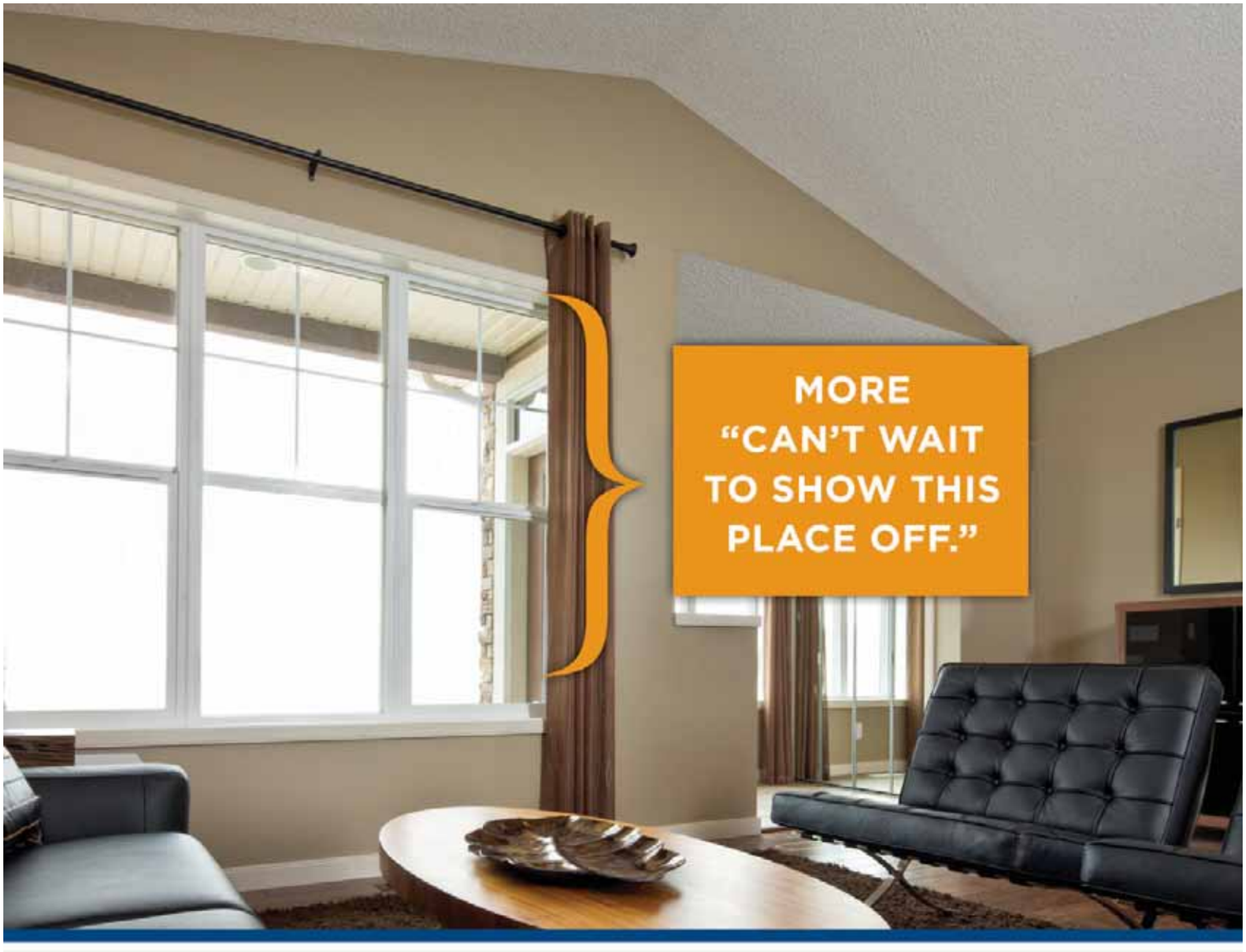

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Metro to add more cities

Metro Canada is expanding to six new cities in April, the newspaper announced Thursday.

Metro will launch a daily print edition in Saskatoon and Regina on April 2, along with a website and mobile news apps for iPhone, iPad and Android.

The company will also launch digital-only in Ontario in Hamilton, Kitchener and Windsor, and in B.C. in Victoria.

The launches mean Metro products, including the French-language paper in Montreal, will now be available in 15 of Canada's top 17 metropolitan areas.

"I am delighted to lead this remarkable opportunity as we partner with the communities of Saskatoon and Regina," said Steve Shrout, vice-president and group publisher, western Canada.

"We look forward to offering a fresh urban news perspective in Canada's most vibrant Prairie communities.

According to the 2011 Census, Saskatchewan is the third fastest growing province in Canada.

It enjoys one of Canada's lowest unemployment rates and has enjoyed economic growth due to the natural resource and energy sectors.

The new editions will target Metro's core readership — youthful, active metropolitans (YAMs) aged 18 to 49.

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Market moment

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Google privacy changes

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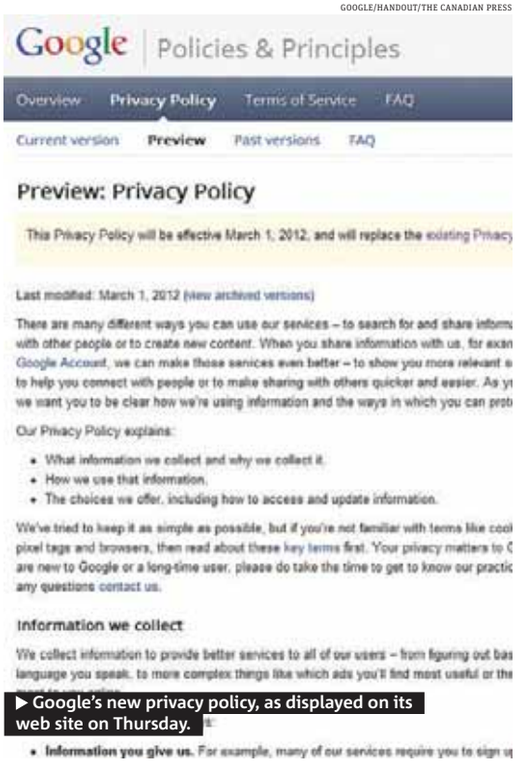
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▶ Google's new privacy policy, as displayed on its web site on Thursday.

◗ Company's new data-collection policy raises concerns ◗ May be in contravention of European data laws

Google's contentious new privacy policy officially takes effect Thursday, despite some objections from Canada's privacy commissioner and others around the world.

The main concern being raised by most critics is how Google will now start saving user information collected from all its services in one place. For example, users who log into several different services — such as Google.ca, Gmail and YouTube — will have data about all their searches and clicks stored together.

Users can stop this data consolidation from happening by staying logged out when using the search engine or YouTube, or by having separate logins for each different site.

In a letter to Google, privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart said users aren't being told enough about how to effectively opt out of Google's new plan.

"You are going to be using the information in new ways — ways that may make some users uncomfortable."

JENNIFER STODDART, PRIVACY COMMISSIONER, IN A LETTER TO GOOGLE

Google is also facing heat in Europe over the new privacy policy, which France's privacy regulator said is a violation of the European Union's data-protection rules.

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Police: Bombings held up newspaper investigation

▶ Peter Clarke

Former Scotland Yard counterterrorism chief Peter Clarke told a judge-led inquiry in London Thursday that one of the reasons police couldn't devote much time to investigating allegations of phone hacking by British newspapers was the 2005 London transit bombings.

He said the London force was so undermanned it had to enlist 1,000 officers from other departments. In that context, the investigation into phone hacking had to take the back seat, he said.

"Invasions of privacy are odious, and sometimes illegal, but to put it bluntly, they don't kill you," Clarke said. "Terrorists do."

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Canadians spending more time online

Canadians are spending more time than ever on the Internet — about 17 per cent more than users in the U.S., according to a comScore report released Thursday.

The average amount of time Canadian Internet users spent online in December was 45.3 hours, up about four per cent from December 2010. That's an extra three minutes a day.

The Canadian total is about 17 per cent more than the average 38.6 hours Americans were online in December, and about 28 per cent more than the average in the U.K.

Contributing to the long hours Canadians spent online was a significant jump in social media usage, which was up 32 per cent.

The 18- to 24-year-old age bracket had the biggest increase in time spent on social networks, jumping 67 per cent to an average of 10.8 hours a month. Users under 18 spent 9.4 hours on social media a month, which was up 59 per cent.

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1 Gordon Lightfoot: The iconic singer is releasing a new album, Massey Hall Moments – All Live, on April 17th from his concerts at the historic Toronto venue over the years. And tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. at masseyhall.com for his gigs there this November. But if you could read my mind, you would've known that already.

2 @AngiesRightLeg: The Oscars were a dud, if not for Angelina Jolie's right leg. She displayed it prominently — and cheekily — in a black velvet dress with a thigh-high slit, and someone created a parody @AngiesRightLeg on Twitter that night, with tweets like "You have to admit I'm one hell of a leg." It now has more than 40,000 followers. No word on how Angie's left leg feels.

3 Me to We leaders: Founded by the brains behind Free The Children, Craig and Marc Kielburger, the Me to We organization — which encourages people to become involved in positive change to the world — has Take Action summer-camp academies in cities across Canada to teach leadership to youth. For more info, go to Metowe.com. Be the change.

4 Rob Delaney: This L.A. comedian wasn't really known until he became famous on Twitter (@robdelaney) with his (NSFW) comic tweets that have generated 335,000 followers, and now he's developing a show based on his Twitter account for Comedy Central called @robdelaney. "This is no $h*! My Dad Says" would be a good punchline on the show.

5 Brian Burke's trade deadline: The Leafs GM said, "I think the trade deadline is hard on players, but I think it's murder on players in Toronto," and his staff had even talked of instituting a 10-day trade freeze in the leadup to the deadline to relieve Leaf players of trade stress. I'm playing the world's smallest violin right now for you, Brian.

6 Twitter dictates: Sir Richard Branson on Twitter inventor Jack Dorsey in the new issue of Fast Company: "By inventing Twitter, Jack may have well brought down dictators in North Africa and the Middle East. That's not bad going for one guy." Absolutely.

7 NASCAR driver tweets: When Brad Keselowski was delayed with other cars during a Daytona 500 race this week, he tweeted via @keselowski from inside his car while he waited for the race to resume. And he tweeted again after a crash late in the race. He may not have won Daytona, but he tripled his number of followers, going from 65K to 200K.

8 Ginger Ale on plane: It might well be because people associate it with treating motion sickness (it settles the stomach), but have you ever noticed that basically 50 per cent of people on a plane order ginger ale? Outside a plane, you rarely see someone order it. Unless it's with rye. Tall observation to finish your week.

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Local tweets

- **@cDenno:** Gorrammit, I thought the weather was supposed to warm up around here! #yyc #brrr
- **@karlosdaman:** Anyone else agree that #yyc water tastes a little off lately? #fluoride
- **@ryanlewislive:** The guy in front of me is not happy he had to move his backpack to let someone sit. #yyc @calgarytransit So sad for him
- **@EringobraughSS:** Calgary bus drivers refuse to let children on bus without new March bus pass. A days grace? Use some common sense #yyc
- **@ChanWoll:** Train folk are grouchy today. Cheer up out there #YYC !
- **@Cairobody:** Love the free wifi on #redarrow. Beats flying between #yyc and #yeg any day.
- **@pipewrench80:** #yqr traffic with snow is worse than #yyc
- **@YogiCrystal:** Not sure why I'm having such a difficult time finding writing/communication courses in #yyc without having to do a full degree :/
- **@calgarygirlssay:** You just can't risk suede shoes in Calgary #calgary girls say #yyc

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Culinary rebellion

A cook that plays with his food

Emile Picard samples some fresh maple syrup poured on snow at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack Thursday in St-Benoit-de-Mirabel, Que., but don't tell the folks at this Ottawa winter festival about Martin Picard's latest creation.

If organizers forbade him from serving foie gras at last year's event because of a backlash by animal-rights activists that prompted him to cancel his appearance altogether, it's unlikely he'd be invited back to cook his new dish, named "Confederation Beaver" — that is, the buck-toothed national emblem stuffed with its own tail in a slow-cooked sauce of cream and pig's blood.

The second cookbook from the celebrity Montreal chef emphasizes a philosophy of cuisine that made him a hero to like-minded foodies. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sugar Shack

RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A lobster and smoked-meat omelette is one of the featured menu items at the Au Pieds de Cochon sugar shack.

A must-read

The cookbook has a section with lessons such as how to skin the fur from forest rodents and how to braise a beaver's tail until it's suitable for stuffing.

It also contains an illustrated history of sugar shacks filled with anecdotes, a guide to producing maple syrup, a story envisioning a post-apocalyptic world where all that's left is the sugar shack, and more. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Synopsis

- In this adaptation of Dr. Seuss's most serious book, 12-year-old Ted (voice of Zac Efron), hopes to impress a girl (Taylor Swift) by giving her a tree. You see, she's never seen a real one because they live in Thneedville, a town where everything is fake. Even the trees are battery operated. His search for the tree leads him to the Once-ler (Ed Helms), the keeper of the last tree seed, who tells him about The Lorax (Danny DeVito) and why all the trees disappeared.

- **Ratings:**
Richard: ⊕⊕½
Mark: ⊕⊕⊕

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▶ Kids will like the cute creatures in The Lorax.

One for the trees

The Lorax is light on plot, but still carries the strong pro-environmental overtones that made the Dr. Seuss story controversial

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Richard: Mark, by and large, I liked The Lorax. It has some good characters, a strong central message for kids (particularly if they are interested in gardening) and some good laughs, but I left the theatre with the unshakeable feeling that It would have made a better short film. At 70 pages, the book doesn't quite offer up enough to fill out a feature length movie. It felt padded and not quite what the Dr. Seuss ordered. You?

MB: It wasn't the padding that bothered me as much as the hectoring tone of its pro-environmental, anti-entrepreneurial message. Finally, a film for the whole Socialist family! But the great eye candy and production numbers puts this kid flick in the plus column for me. Surely you liked the chorus of singing goldfish?

RC: The goldfish are part Andrews Sisters, part Greek Chorus and are the best thing in the movie. Loved them, and I liked much of the movie, but it just didn't feel Suessy or Seussian, or whatever the word would be, enough. Kids will like the cute creatures and the Lorax's giant orange handlebar 'stache, but for me it was too frenetic to be considered a faithful translation of a Seuss book.

MB: I never read the book so I had no expectations. I guess the obvious thing that's missing is Seuss' trademark rhyming dialogue. But I thought the movie was true to his visual style. And I was grateful that it was animated rather than those horrible live action Seuss adaptations using over-caffeinated comedians.

RC: Tell me about it. The best Seuss adaptation starred horror legend Boris Karloff! The Grinch Who Stole Christmas is the benchmark; it really brings the good doctor's characters to life. The Lorax, for all its charms, doesn't really feel like Dr. Seuss. It just doesn't feel green-eggs-and-hammy, or in non-Seuss terms, magical enough. Do you think kids will like it? Will they get the 'save the planet' message?

MB: I think it's aimed at kids four to nine. The message is so explicit it would be hard to miss. Parents can enjoy it for the visual imagery and pop culture jokes. But it doesn't have the depth of a Pixar film or classic Disney.

2 scene

Scene in brief

The Hunger Games author Suzanne Collins has given a big thumbs up to the upcoming film version of her million-selling dystopian novel. In a message that appeared Thursday on the Facebook page of The Hunger Games, Collins wrote that she was "really happy" with the movie. She praised director Gary Ross for remaining faithful to the book. The film will be released March 23.

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Starbuck wins Golden Reel award for topping 2011 box office

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Movie reviews

Project X
Genre: Comedy
Director: Nima Nourizadeh
Stars: Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper, Jonathan Daniel Brown
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Costa, Thomas and JB are three nerdy high school kids who, like every other high school kid in every other high school movie, decide to throw a house party that will get them noticed and attract otherwise unattainable ladies.

Thomas (Mann), whose parents are out of town for the weekend, wants to throw himself a birthday bash that will be "big enough to be cool." He figures 50 people maximum should do the trick. But his foul-mouthed friend, Costa (Cooper, who makes Jonah Hill in Superbad look saintly), has other plans.

He spreads the word through every medium possible — including Craigslist — and suddenly this cool-but-manageable party gets absolutely out of control (think the nights the Hangover guys can't remember, but with more drinking, drugs and damage).

Though you've probably heard all the jokes before in any number of the teen party movies that have come before it, you've never really seen a party like this one. Project X, after all, tells the story of "the most epic high school party ever."

REGAN REID

We Need to Talk About Kevin
Genre: Drama
Director: Lynne Ramsay
Stars: Tilda Swinton, John C. Reilly, Ezra Miller
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Kevin (Miller) has had severe emotional problems all his life. He's cruel, manipulative, rebellious, apparently consumed with hatred targeted at his sister and mother Eva (Swinton). But her husband (Reilly) loves the boy and can't accept her reports of him forcing a pet hamster down the sink food crusher, or injuring his baby sister or masturbating in front of her. Eva is completely isolated and ruled by Kevin. One day, she's proven right when he commits an unthinkable crime. A new kind of suffering begins as the vigilantes and hatemongers show up. Ramsay's raw family portrait focuses on the natural born bully, his power and asks how he came to be. Swinton is transcendent, as always, and her fragile/strong duality is put to good use, but Miller is amazing.

ANNE BRODIE

Kitsch keeps grounded

Actor Taylor Kitsch has a big year ahead with lead roles in two major films, including John Carter
Why he tries to stay out of Hollywood

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▶ John Carter hits theatres next Friday.

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Taylor Kitsch is well aware that a lot is riding on 2012 for him, career-wise. With lead roles in a pair of presumed blockbusters — this month's John Carter followed by Battleship in May — and Oliver Stone's Savages later this year, Kitsch is set to have his status in Hollywood solidified one way or the other. But he has other things on his mind — and a house to finish.

Your face basically is the marketing campaign for John Carter.
Yeah, yeah. I mean, that is something you never, ever get used to. I think it really is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of year for me coming up with these three films. It's insane. I think it's also a cool moment just to have within yourself, like it's really come full-circle for the most part through the struggle or whatever it was to get to this point.

You've referred to living in Austin as "staying out of the s---" and avoiding the trappings of Hollywood. How do you manage that?
I think because of having a later start and knowing who I am and being grounded within myself, I don't need that to be validated. That's a big thing for me, and I truly am in it for just the work. Even at the beginning, people were like, "Maybe you should go to this party to meet this guy," and I never wanted to or never will get a job that way — to schmooze, to do this and that. I'll get it through my work. That's the way I am, and Austin is just an amazing escape. Every time I fly into there, I know I made the right decision.

And being Canadian doesn't hurt, right?
Yeah, my Canadian upbringing, man. My mom raised us three boys by herself. To say the least, we didn't have a lot of money. And it's the core things that truly matter at the end of the day anyways, so to be in front of all that stuff, you're able to laugh at it rather than need it. That's the difference.

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Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-6:55-9:35
Midnight in Paris (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:45-9:35
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:15
Shame (18A) Fri-Thu 10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (STC) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:50-7:05-9:45
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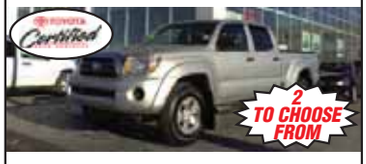

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Though Christian groups are up in arms over the arrival of the new drama GCB, series star Annie Potts sees little to offend in the church-set drama.

"I don't think we're going to burn in hell for this," says Potts (Ghostbusters, Designing Women).

"On the contrary, I think the angels will be applauding that someone has found a new way to deliver a Sunday school lesson. It's a lot more palatable than someone giving you a finger-shaking."

Based loosely on the book Good Christian Bitches — changed to Good Christian Belles for TV — GCB follows former "mean girl" Amanda (Leslie Bibb) as she returns to her Dallas home after a very public scandal. Unfortunately, she finds her church-centered community anything but welcoming or forgiving, setting up a confrontation with her high school rival Carlene (Emmy-winning Kristin Chenoweth).

GCB airs Sunday at 10 p.m. ET on CTV

Potts plays Gigi, Amanda's overbearing, gun-toting mother. Gigi wants to reshape Amanda and her children in her own, hard-drinking, church-going image.

"She (Gigi) is a very straight forward, plain-spoken woman. Very much what you see is what you get. She's right out there," says Potts. "But she welcomes her beautiful daughter back with open arms, which — among other things — is the Christian thing to do."

The actress says she was attracted to the role by the opportunity to work again with writer/creator Robert Harling (Steel Magnolias).

"I saw the title, saw that Bobby had written it, and immediately said I think there might be something in there for me."

For Harling, who also wrote such women-centered movies as Soapdish and First Wives Club, GCB marks his first foray into television.

"I'm Christian myself," says Harling.

"And I thought it would be a fascinating arena to build a show around a church. And I think the network (ABC) has been very brave and supportive. They really wanted something different; something they'd never seen before. Which is like fuel to a writer.

"Even though it's set among some of the richest people in the world, I think it reflects society today in America. People will find a lot to identify with."

HANDOUT

▶ Annie Potts stars in GCB as a gun-toting mother to Leslie Bibb's character.

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TV picks

▶ Canada's Got Talent airs Sunday

Home-repair service on trial

INVESTIGATION. Homeowners will want to tune in to Friday's Marketplace as it investigates the practices of Canadian home-repair services. With hidden cameras set up in a home, reporter Tom Harrington brings in repair workers for common house problems to test their prices and quality of work. (CBC).

J.Lo and ex-hubby team up for show

TALENT SEARCH. How are former spouses Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony getting along amid their separation? Find out when their new talent series, Q'Viva! The Chosen, debuts Saturday. Lopez and Anthony, who announced last summer they were ending their marriage, star alongside director/choreographer Jamie King. In the show, the three travel to 21 different Latin American countries to search for artists for a live entertainment program. (Fox, TLN).

Lohan looks for career comeback

SNL. Lindsay Lohan is the guest on Saturday Night Live. Her appearance comes on the heels of praise from a Los Angeles judge, who said Lohan's probation officer is pleased with her progress and that she's in the "home stretch" of her drunken driving case. Saturday's SNL music guest is Jack White. (Global, NBC).

Searching for Canada's best

COMPETITION. Canada's Got Talent debuts Sunday with Part 1 of the Toronto auditions. Citytv personality Dina Pugilese hosts while Martin Short, Measha Brueggergosman and Stephan Moccio sit on the judging panel. They're looking for performers of all types, from comedians to contortionists to singers. (Citytv).

The story of Grapes

HOCKEY. Meanwhile on Sunday, it's Part 2 of CBC's profile of Hockey Night in Canada co-host Don Cherry. In Wrath of Grapes: The Don Cherry Story II — which begins Sunday and wraps up next week — we learn about his later years, when he became an outspoken media figure. Jared Keeso reprises his Gemini Award-winning performance as the Coach's Corner personality. (CBC).

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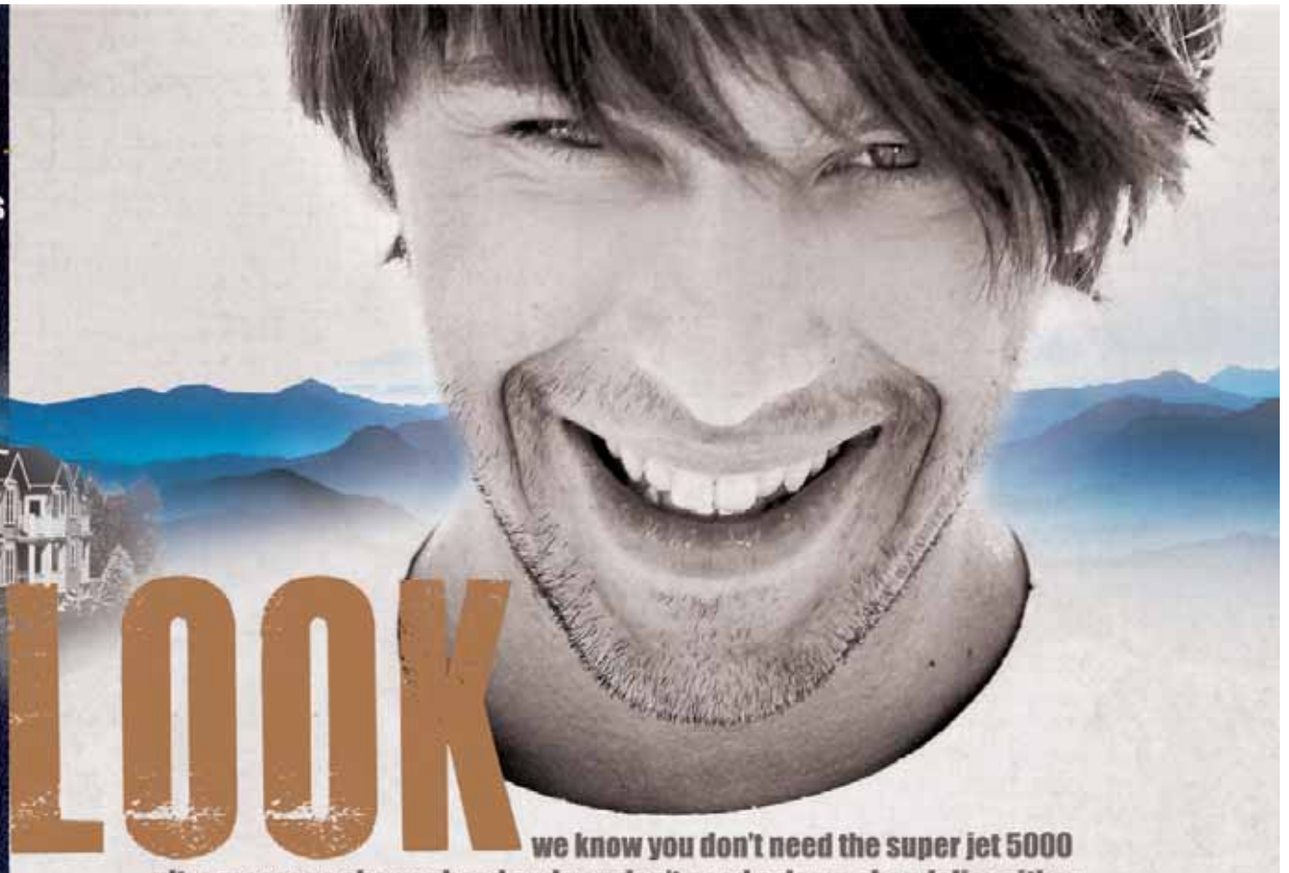

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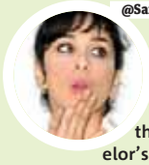

@SarahKSilverman
I shouldn't let the Bachelor's hair upset me so

@andersoncooper

Late night, up early, flying back to ny. I woke up in hotel completely disoriented, had no idea where I was. Kind of cool feeling actually

@ConanOBrien

You see a lot of celebrities here at the Warner Brothers gym. Clint Eastwood can scowl more weight than I bench.

Happy birthday indeed, Bieber

Seems like just yesterday he was a fresh-faced kid singing his heart out on YouTube Justin celebrates his 18th year by spending big money

THE WORD

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Happy birthday indeed, Bieber.

When you're the most famous 18-year-old in the world, cake ain't cutting it. No, Justin Bieber had a much better Thursday than you did.

Let's start with the gifts. On Wednesday, Bieber's manager stopped by The Ellen DeGeneres Show to surprise him with a Fisker Karma — that's an eco-friendly sports car for all of you Kia drivers — estimated to be worth at least $100,000.

As for himself, Bieber is looking to buy two L.A.-area mansions priced between six and eight million dollars, according to TMZ.

Yesterday, we can only assume that he drove his new car to scope out his potential new Hollywood pads — when he wasn't parachuting or hitting up his dinner party, that is.

Justin! The whole point of being 18 is that you don't yet need to buy things to make you happy.

Have fun, kid, but we hope you have some serious funds set aside for 28.

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▶ Justin Bieber

Finally... celebs who give their baby a normal name

▶ Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck have revealed the name of their newborn son. "We are happy to announce on Feb. 27, Jennifer gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Samuel Garner Affleck," the proud dad posted on Facebook. Samuel joins sisters Violet and Seraphina. **METRO**

Now that's a nip slip

▶ Beyoncé

Beyoncé turned heads recently during a lunch date in New York's West Village when she was spotted breastfeeding her newborn daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, according to Us Weekly. Three different sources reported to the magazine that they saw the singer feeding Blue at the table while having lunch at Sant Ambroeus over the weekend. **METRO**

George Clooney at peace with gay rumours

Despite a steady stream of hot girlfriends, George Clooney still gets hounded by gay rumours — not that he's complaining.

"I think it's funny, but the last thing you'll ever see me do is jump up and down, saying, 'These are lies!' That would be unfair and unkind to my good friends in the gay community," Clooney tells the Advocate. "I'm not going to let anyone make it seem like being gay is a bad thing. My private life is private, and I'm very happy in it." And as for the rumours, Clooney says he's come to terms with them. "Who does it hurt if someone thinks I'm gay? I'll be long dead and there will still be people who say I was gay. I don't give a s—," he says. **METRO**

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The cheesy side of food

These savoury Cheddar Shortbread Diamonds make elegant nibbles to enjoy with wine

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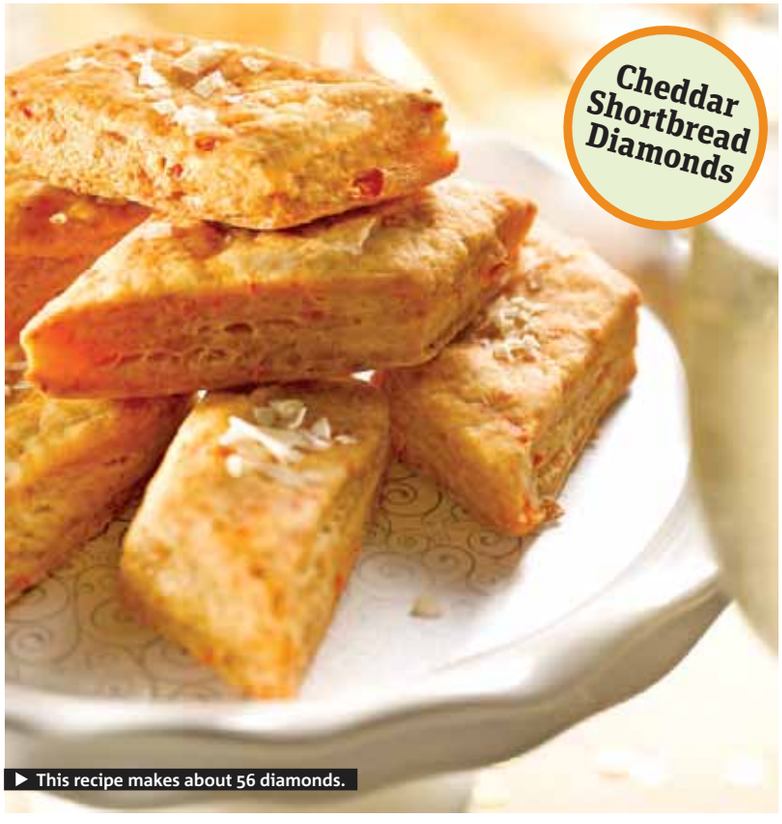

This recipe makes about 56 diamonds.

Preparation:

1. In food processor, pulse red pepper until finely chopped. Add Canadian Old White Cheddar cheese, butter, flour, sugar, chili powder and salt. Pulse until dough starts to hold, adding water bit at a time until dough holds together when squeezed.

2. Turn out dough into bowl and knead lightly into a smooth dough. Shape into flat square. On sheet of parchment paper with a floured rolling pin, roll out to a 9-inch (23 cm) square, about 1/2-inch (1 cm) thick. Slide onto a baking sheet and refrigerate 20 mins or until cold.

3. Using knife, cut square into 8 equal strips. On diagonal, make seven cuts along each strip, about 1 inch (2.5 cm) apart, into 56 diamonds (there will be triangles at the ends of the strips – either press together into diamonds or bake as triangles). Lightly brush tops with egg white and sprinkle with coarse sea salt. Separate shortbread pieces on the parchment so they are at least 1/2 inch (1 cm) apart.

4. In preheated 350 F (180 C) oven, bake one sheet at a time, for 27 mins or until firm and just starting to turn golden around the edges. Let cool on pan 3 mins. then transfer to rack. Serve warm or let cool.

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Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) coarsely chopped sweet red pepper
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) shredded Canadian Old White Cheddar cheese (about 6 oz/ 175 g)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) cold butter, cut into cubes
- 2 cups (500 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ancho chili powder
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) water (approx.)
- 1 egg white, beaten
- Coarse sea salt

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I'm glad you can't tell a wine by its label. If you could, there'd be an awful lot of boring juice on the shelves.

You can blame the trend in ho-hum bottle bling on the critter label backlash a few years back. Once customers got sick of cartoon animals on their wine bottles, marketers couldn't sink the ark fast enough and set sail on the good ship mundane.

Argentina and South Africa are major offenders. Their sections look like wallpaper with one cookie cutter label after another.

I have a place in my heart for any winery that shows as much inventiveness outside the bottle as it does in. The People's 2010 Pinot Noir ($16.95 - $19.99) from New Zealand wins on both fronts.

Designed by kiwi artist Martin Poppelwell, its label font has an urban vibe reminiscent of a bistro's chalkboard wine list.

The liquid has a hip, bright flavour that oozes plump strawberry and subtle tannins, which pairs well with roast poultry and lighter meat dishes. **PRICES RFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Enjoy this uniquely Canadian pizza that employs cheese curds, typically used in poutine

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This pizza serves six to eight people.

Preparation:

1. In saucepan, set over medium heat, simmer red pepper in chili sauce and water 5 mins. or until tender. Scrape into a small food chopper or blender and puree until smooth; set aside.

2. In nonstick skillet cook beef until no longer pink. Add the zucchini, eggplant, mushrooms and onion to beef and cook for about 5 mins. or until tender. Stir in red pepper sauce, tomato paste and basil until combined; set aside.

3. On work surface, sprinkle some cornmeal, then using a rolling pin, roll out pizza dough. Dough must be large enough to cover bottom and sides of ovenproof skillet roughly 30 cm (12 inches) in diameter and 2.5 cm (1 inch) deep. Place dough in skillet and fill with beef-vegetable mixture.

4. Top with cheese curds, fold in any dough exceeding skillet edge. Place skillet in centre of 200 C (400 F) oven and bake for 30 minutes or until dough is golden. Sprinkle with Parmesan and bake for another 5 mins.

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Ingredients:

- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chili sauce
- 500 g (1 lb) lean ground beef
- 250 ml (1 cup) each diced zucchini, eggplant and mushrooms
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced red onion
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced fresh basil
- 500 g (1 lb) homemade or store-bought pizza dough
- Cornmeal
- 175 g (6 oz) fresh cheese curds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) Parmesan

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Stretching meals

Some cheeses, such as stretch mozzarella, have unique melting and stretching abilities. Here are three ways to enjoy it.

1. Replace cheddar with stretch mozzarella in Mexican lasagna, burritos, quesadillas and enchiladas to put a new twist on fiesta favourites.

2. Sprinkle shredded stretch mozzarella on your favourite soup and enjoy the buttery strings of cheese with every spoonful.

3. Topping your burger with a slice of Mozzarellissima adds a melt-in-your-mouth quality, and enhances the flavour of burger toppings.

NEWS CANADA

Advocacy group pushes for calorie counts, sodium values on menus.

4 sports

Flames cool down Coyotes

Calgary gets win in Glendale, Ariz., where Phoenix hasn't been defeated in over a month

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FLAMES	COYOTES

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▶ Calgary's Jarome Iginla watches a puck sail past Phoenix goalie Mike Smith on Thursday night.

Olli Jokinen capped Calgary's three-goal outburst in the first period and the Flames defeated the Phoenix Coyotes 4-2 Thursday night.

The loss was the first for Phoenix at home since falling to Anaheim in late January, and ended a Coyotes run of 11-0-1 in the last 12 games. Phoenix goalie Mike Smith had only one loss in his last 12 games before he was outplayed by Calgary's Miikka Kiprusoff.

Kiprusoff made 29 saves.

The Flames had lost their last four games.

Fighting for playoff position, the Flames made a strong statement with three goals in a span of 3:17 late in the first period. Goals from Mike Cammalleri, Curtis Glencross and Jokinen lifted the Flames.

Jarome Iginla hit the empty net for the final Calgary goal.

Raffi Torres and Michal Rozsival brought Phoenix within one, but the Coyotes couldn't get the equalizer.

The Flames were the beneficiaries of the Coyotes' mistakes in their own end.

First, Cammalleri converted Jarome Iginla's pass into his 15th of the season. Less than two minutes later, Glencross picked up the Flames' second short-handed goal of the season when he skated around Ray Whitney and put the puck between Smith's right skate and the right post.

5th

Mike Cammalleri's goal was his fifth in 19 games since being traded from Montreal to Calgary.

Jokinen then took the puck off Keith Yandle's stick and his backhander dropped in behind Smith to give the Flames a commanding lead after the first 20 minutes.

The Coyotes did not waste much time in making a response with two goals of their own in a span of 2:21.

Less than a minute and a half into the second period, Torres tipped in a shot by Yandle and then Rozsival, crashing in from the left point, blasted a 20-footer behind Kiprusoff at 3:48.

In the closing minutes of the period, Whitney had two opportunities to tie the game. First he failed to convert on a breakaway, and on a late power play he hit the left post behind Kiprusoff.

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Flames preview

Calgary at Anaheim
Friday, 8 p.m.
TV: SNET

The Flames (29-24-11) travel to Anaheim (27-27-10), which has scored just once in its last two games, both losses. With Dan Ellis (groin) on injured reserve, Jonas Hiller started every game for the Ducks in February, posting an 8-4-3 record, including a 3-2 shootout win over Calgary on Feb. 7. Ryan Getzlaf, who has just eight goals this season, hasn't scored in 17 games. Cam Fowler has three assists in his last five games, but hasn't scored since Dec. 4.

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Scan code for more sports.

Baseball playoff format still up in the air

The Braves are remembered for one of baseball's epic collapses.

Too bad for Atlanta the playoffs weren't expanded a year earlier.

Negotiators for players and owners are working towards increasing the playoff field to 10 teams this season. They had hoped to reach a deal by Thursday, but the sides said talks could continue if more time is needed to deal with adding the extra wild cards.

The sides spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because talks have not been public.

If there had been additional wild cards last season, the Braves would have made the playoffs in the NL, while the Boston Red Sox would have qualified in the AL. Instead, each missed the post-season with historic swoons.

"I would've taken it last year," Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez said Thursday.

When players and owners signed their new labour contract in November, the section covering the playoffs established a March 1 goal for deciding whether the post-season would increase by two teams for 2012 or 2013. The deal would establish a new one-game wild-card round in each league between teams with the best records who are not division winners, meaning a third-place team could win the World Series.

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"I don't think if two teams are good enough to make the playoffs that it should be decided by one game like that."

BRAVES SECOND BASEMAN DAN UGGLA ON THE WILD-CARD FORMAT

Don't count on it, said Braves pitcher Tim Hudson.

The wild-card winner would face a major disadvantage going through the rest of the playoffs, according to Hudson. Last season, St. Louis passed the Braves for the wild card on the final day and went on to capture the World Series. Hudson said it would've been much harder for the Cardinals or the Braves to advance if they had played an extra game against each other first.

"Even if you get by that one game, the chances of winning the next round are not very good," he said.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	62	41	15	1	5	172	126	88	21-7-0-2	20-8-1-3	7-2-0-1	W3
d-Boston	62	38	21	1	2	204	143	79	19-11-1-1	19-10-0-1	5-4-0-1	W1
d-Florida	63	30	21	5	7	158	179	72	15-8-1-7	15-13-4-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Pittsburgh	63	37	21	2	3	202	166	79	20-8-2-0	17-13-0-3	7-2-0-1	W4
Philadelphia	63	35	21	2	5	209	191	77	15-10-1-4	20-11-1-1	5-5-0-0	W1
Ottawa	65	34	23	6	2	199	192	76	17-12-2-1	17-11-4-1	7-2-1-0	W2
New Jersey	63	35	23	2	3	175	174	75	16-12-0-3	19-11-2-0	4-4-1-1	L4
Winnipeg	66	31	27	4	4	173	186	70	20-10-1-3	11-17-3-1	5-3-1-1	W1
Washington	63	32	26	2	3	172	178	69	21-8-0-2	11-18-2-1	4-5-0-1	W3
Toronto	**64**	**29**	**28**	**4**	**3**	**191**	**200**	**65**	**16-12-3-2**	**13-16-1-1**	**1-8-1-0**	**L6**
Tampa Bay	63	29	28	3	3	176	213	64	19-9-1-1	10-19-2-2	6-4-0-0	W1
Buffalo	63	28	27	4	4	156	180	64	16-11-3-4	12-16-1-0	5-3-1-1	W1
NY Islanders	64	26	29	6	3	150	188	61	14-14-5-0	12-15-2-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Carolina	64	24	27	7	6	168	193	61	17-13-0-5	7-14-7-1	4-2-2-2	L1
Montreal	65	25	30	2	8	169	181	60	12-14-2-6	13-16-0-2	3-6-0-1	W1

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d-Detroit	64	42	19	1	2	202	151	87	26-3-1-1	16-16-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
d-Phoenix	64	33	22	3	6	168	160	75	17-11-2-2	16-11-1-4	8-1-0-1	L1
St. Louis	64	40	17	1	6	166	128	87	26-4-1-3	14-13-0-3	7-3-0-0	W4
Nashville	64	37	20	3	4	181	165	81	21-7-2-3	16-13-1-1	5-3-0-2	L1
Chicago	65	34	24	4	3	198	193	75	22-7-1-3	12-17-3-0	5-5-0-0	W1
San Jose	62	33	22	4	3	178	159	73	19-9-2-0	14-13-2-3	3-6-1-0	W1
Dallas	64	33	26	1	4	168	175	71	18-12-0-3	15-14-1-1	5-3-1-1	L1
Los Angeles	64	29	23	5	7	138	137	70	16-13-0-4	13-10-5-3	3-5-1-1	W1
Colorado	65	33	28	3	1	168	175	70	18-14-0-1	15-14-3-0	6-3-1-0	L1
Calgary	64	29	24	5	6	155	175	69	16-9-1-3	13-14-4-3	4-2-2-2	W1
Minnesota	64	28	26	2	8	143	172	66	15-11-1-3	13-15-1-5	3-5-0-2	L2
Anaheim	64	27	27	4	6	161	180	64	16-14-2-0	11-13-2-6	6-3-0-1	L2
Edmonton	63	25	32	2	4	169	189	56	16-12-2-2	9-20-0-2	4-5-1-0	L1
Columbus	64	19	38	2	5	148	212	45	11-18-1-2	8-20-1-3	4-5-1-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 4 New Jersey 3 (OT)
Montreal 5 Minnesota 4 (OT)
Philadelphia 6 N.Y. Islanders 3
N.Y. Rangers 3 Carolina 2
Winnipeg 7 Florida 0
Columbus 2 Colorado 0
Calgary 4 Phoenix 2
St. Louis at Vancouver
Buffalo at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Chicago 5 Toronto 4
St. Louis 5 Edmonton 2
Buffalo 2 Anaheim 0
Pittsburgh 4 Dallas 3 (SO)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Buffalo at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

FLAMES 4, COYOTES 2

First Period
1. Calgary, Cammalleri 15 (Tanguay, Iginla) 14:09
2. Calgary, Glencross 20 (Giordano, Hannan) 16:00 (sh)
3. Calgary, Jokinen 20, 17:23
Penalties — Jackman Cal (goaltender interference) 9:50, Brodie Cal (hooking) 15:20, Jokinen Cal (tripping) 17:41, Giordano Cal (tripping) 19:29.
Second Period
4. Phoenix, Torres 10 (Yandle, Ekman-Larsson) 1:27 (pp)
5. Phoenix, Rozsival 1 (Hanzal, Vrbata) 3:48
Penalties — Jackman Cal, Bissonnette Pho (fighting) 9:21, M.Smith Pho (delay of game; served by Pyatt) 10:11, Glencross Cal (delay of game) 15:10, Sarich Cal (tripping) 17:31.
Third Period
6. Calgary, Iginla 24 (Stajan, Tanguay) 19:13 (en-pp)
Penalties — Vermette Pho (hooking) 17:49, Yandle Pho (hooking) 20:00.
Shots

Calgary	11	6	14	31
Phoenix	7	15	9	31

Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,28-19-7); Phoenix: M.Smith (L,29-15-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 1-2; Phoenix: 1-6. **Att.** — 10,989 (17,135) at Glendale, Arz.

JETS 7, PANTHERS 0

First Period
1. Winnipeg, Kane 25, 4:01
2. Winnipeg, Slater 9 (Stuart, Thorburn) 6:03
Penalty — Fleischmann Fla (hooking) 0:30.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalty — Stapleton Wpg (hooking) 3:56.
Third Period
3. Winnipeg, Wellwood 14, (Stuart, Kane) 1:49
4. Winnipeg, Little 19 (Wheeler, Jones) 4:35
5. Winnipeg, Antropov 10 (Bogosian, Enstrom) 8:06 (pp)
6. Winnipeg, Kane 26 (Wellwood, Burmistrov) 8:18
7. Winnipeg, Wheeler 14 (Kane, Stapleton) 17:58
Penalties — Jovanovski Fla (slashing) 6:46, Gudbranson Fla (roughing), Stuart Wpg (double roughing, misconduct) 10:51, Antropov Wpg (holding) 15:21, Skille Fla (cross-checking) 19:21.
Shots

Florida	7	17	9	33
Winnipeg	13	8	10	31

Goal (shots-saves) — Florida: Theodore (L,17-12-6)(24-20), Clemmensen (4:35 third, 7-4; Winnipeg: Pavelec (W,24-21-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Florida: 0-3; Winnipeg: 1-3. **Att.** — 15,004 (15,004) at Winnipeg.

CANADIENS 5, WILD 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Montreal, Subban 5 (Kaberle, Desharnais) 2:33 (pp)
2. Montreal, Eller 13 (Gomez, Campoli) 4:28 (pp)
3. Minnesota, Kassian 1 (Powe, Johnson) 15:27
Penalties — Veilleux Minn, White Mtl (fighting) 0:10, Ortmeyer Minn (double high-sticking) 1:36, Falk Minn (holding) 2:23, Heatley Minn (cross-checking) 7:49, Plekanec Mtl (interference) 13:10, Veilleux Minn (double slashing), White Mtl (instigating, fighting, misconduct) 15:43, Nokolainen Mtl (roughing) 19:38.
Second Period
4. Montreal, Pacioretty 26 (Desharnais, Subban) 11:59 (pp)
Penalties — Staubitz Mtl (roughing) 1:15, Clutterbuck Minn (tripping) 10:34, Peters Minn (boarding) 12:34, Kaberle Mtl (tripping) 13:03.
Third Period
5. Montreal, Desharnais 14 (Pacioretty, Kaberle) 8:50
6. Minnesota, Kassian 2 (Johnson, Prosser) 16:07
7. Minnesota, Heatley 20 (Bradziak) 18:17
8. Minnesota, Setoguchi 16 (Cullen, Johnson) 19:51
Penalties — Kassian Minn, Geoffrion Mtl (roughing) 5:50, Setoguchi Minn, Weber Mtl (roughing) 6:52.
Overtime
No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Montreal wins 1-0
Montreal (1) — Pacioretty, miss; Desharnais, goal; Bourque, miss.
Minnesota (0) — Cullen, miss; Heatley, miss; Setoguchi, miss.
Shots

Minnesota	7	6	16	1—30
Montreal	9	8	9	2—28

Goal (shots-saves) — Minnesota: Backstrom (6-5), Harding (L,9-9-4)(2:52 first, 22-19); Montreal: Price (W,23-24-9). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Minnesota: 0-5. Montreal: 3-7. **Att.** — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

GOLF

HONDA CLASSIC

At Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Par 70
First Round

Davis Love III	30-34—64
Rory McIlroy	34-32—66
Justin Rose	32-34—66
Ryan Palmer	32-34—66
Dicky Pride	32-34—66
Martin Flores	33-33—66
Kevin Stadler	33-33—66
Seung-Yul Noh	33-33—66
Harris English	32-34—66
Tom Pernice Jr.	34-33—67
Ken Duke	35-32—67
Ben Crane	33-34—67
Keegan Bradley	33-34—67
Louis Oosthuizen	34-33—67
Jimmy Walker	34-33—67
Bob Estes	33-34—67
Carl Pettersson	33-34—67
Erik Compton	34-33—67
Greg Chalmers	34-34—68
Brendon de Jonge	35-33—68
Brian Davis	33-35—68
Jim Furyk	34-34—68
Charles Howell III	34-34—68
Brendan Steele	34-34—68
Tom Gillis	34-34—68
K.T. Kim	33-35—68
John Huh	35-33—68
Vaughn Taylor	34-34—68
Rory Sabbatini	36-33—69
Rocco Mediate	34-35—69
Matt Bettencourt	34-35—69
Stuart Appleby	35-34—69
Richard H. Lee	36-33—69
Kris Blanks	34-35—69
Rickie Fowler	34-35—69
Nick O'Hern	34-35—69
Rod Pampling	34-35—69
William McGirt	34-35—69
Bo Hoag	34-35—69
George McNeill	36-34—70
Hank Kuehne	34-36—70
Marc Leishman	36-34—70
Jason Bohn	35-35—70
Kenny Perry	35-35—70
Y.E. Yang	34-36—70
Henrik Stenson	36-34—70
Fredrik Jacobson	35-35—70
Mark Wilson	36-34—70
Michael Bradley	34-36—70
Ryan Moore	35-35—70
J.B. Holmes	33-37—70
Brandt Jobe	36-34—70
Chris Couch	34-36—70
Kevin Streelman	34-36—70
Scott Langley	34-36—70
Matt Every	35-35—70
Also	
David Hearn	**35-36—71**
Graham DeLaet	**36-37-73**
Stephen Ames	**38-37-75**

TENNIS

DUBAI CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Quarter-finals
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Janko Tipsarevic (7), 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.
Juan Martin del Potro (8), Argentina, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (4), France, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Philadelphia	7	4	3	.571	79	89	—
Toronto	7	4	3	.571	85	82	—
Rochester	8	3	5	.375	102	102	1½
Buffalo	6	2	4	.333	70	76	1½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	7	6	1	.857	93	94	—
Calgary	7	5	2	.714	95	75	1
Minnesota	7	4	3	.571	88	81	2
Edmonton	6	2	4	.333	64	61	3½
Washington	7	1	6	.143	65	91	5

Tomorrow's games
All times Eastern
Rochester at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX — Announced the retirement of C Jason Varitek.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with LHP Kelvin De La Cruz, RHP Cody Eppley, OF Craig Gentry, C Luis Martinez, 1B/OF Mitch Moreland, RHP Neil Ramirez, INF Brandon Snyder and RHP Matt West on one-year contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with C Yadier Molina on a six-year contract.

NBA

ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed C Erick Dampier for the remainder of the season.

NFL

CHICAGO BEARS — Released DT Anthony Adams and OL Frank Omiyale.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed WR Zeke Markshausen.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Named Sean Ryan quarterbacks coach. Promoted offensive quality control coach Kevin M. Gilbride to receivers coach.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Designated WR DeSean Jackson their franchise player.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Announced the retirement of G Kris Dielman.

NHL

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned D Gleason Fournier from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Released D Brandon Gentile. Signed G Nick Niedert to a professional tryout agreement.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned F Mike Angelidis to Norfolk (AHL). Signed F Cory Conacher to a two-year contract.

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Recalled D Bryan Rufenach from Toledo (ECHL).
PEORIA RIVERMEN — Assigned G David McKee to Quad City (CHL).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Miami	27	7	.794	½
d-Chicago	29	8	.784	—
Indiana	22	12	.647	5½
d-Philadelphia	21	15	.583	7½
Orlando	23	14	.622	6
Atlanta	20	15	.571	8
Boston	17	17	.500	10½
New York	18	18	.500	10½
Milwaukee	14	21	.400	14
Cleveland	13	20	.394	14
Detroit	12	25	.324	17
Toronto	11	24	.314	17
New Jersey	11	25	.306	17½
Washington	7	28	.200	21
Charlotte	4	29	.121	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	29	7	.806	—
d-San Antonio	24	11	.686	4½
d-L.A. Clippers	20	12	.625	7
L.A. Lakers	21	14	.600	7½
Dallas	21	15	.583	8
Houston	21	15	.583	8
Memphis	20	15	.571	8½
Denver	19	17	.528	10
Portland	18	17	.514	10½
Minnesota	18	19	.486	11½
Utah	16	18	.471	12
Golden State	14	18	.438	13
Phoenix	15	20	.429	13½
Sacramento	12	22	.353	16
New Orleans	8	27	.229	20½

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Last night's results
Oklahoma City 105 Orlando 102
Phoenix 104 Minnesota 95
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento
Miami at Portland
Wednesday's results
Orlando 102 Washington 95
Oklahoma City 92 Philadelphia 88
Golden State 85 Atlanta 82
Boston 102 Milwaukee 96
Detroit 109 Charlotte 94
New York 120 Cleveland 103
Toronto 95 New Orleans 84
Memphis 96 Dallas 85
Denver 104 Portland 95
Utah 104 Houston 83
Chicago 96 San Antonio 89
L.A. Lakers 104 Minnesota 85
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Memphis at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Oklahoma City at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
Indiana at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

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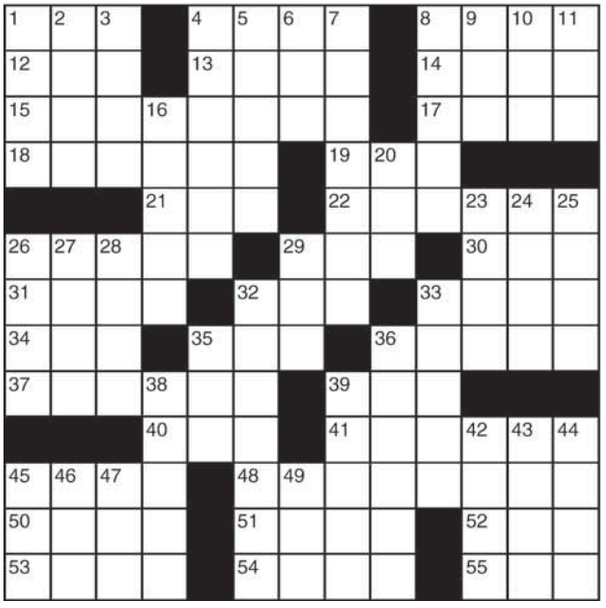

Across

1 Matterhorn, for one
4 Dull sound of impact
8 Equipment
12 Debtor's letters
13 Leak out slowly
14 Advantage
15 Not imported
17 Crucifix
18 Meager
19 Resistance measure
21 Solidify
22 Countrified
26 Deluge
29 Oktoberfest vessel
30 Eventual aves
31 Carry on
32 Predicament
33 Get ready quickly?
34 Praise in verse
35 Festive
36 React to reveille
37 Occult
39 Exist
40 Wapiti
41 Mr. pluralized
45 Entreaty
48 Doubter of a sort
50 Towel designation
51 Dirt
52 Commotion
53 Challenge
54 Old portico
55 Evergreen type

Down

1 Lends a hand
2 Aerobatic maneuver
3 Wild cat
4 Threw
5 "Monopoly" building
6 9mm submachine gun
7 Propriety
8 Bacteria
9 Maestro de Waart
10 Past
11 Roulette bet
16 Cereal disease
20 Embrace
23 Actress Spelling
24 Currier's partner
25 Superhero costume feature
26 Gift-tag word
27 "— and the Tramp"
28 Individuals
29 Has potential
32 Fool
33 Fourth estate
35 Grissom of "CSI"
36 Colored part of the iris
38 Make fun of
39 Prenatal exam, for short
42 Remain
43 Take the bus
44 Garbage barge
45 Third degree?
46 Meadow
47 Blunder
49 "— milk?"

▶ Yeterday's answer

Sudoku

5			2		9			6
	9		8		3		1	
		4				2		
		6	9		4	3		
7								8
		8	3		6	1		
		7				9		
	4		7		8		5	
8			1		2			4

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	1	5	7	6	2	4	3	9
9	2	6	4	8	3	1	7	5
4	3	7	5	1	9	8	2	6
6	5	3	2	4	1	7	9	8
1	9	4	6	7	8	3	5	2
7	8	2	9	3	5	6	1	4
2	6	8	1	5	7	9	4	3
3	7	9	8	2	4	5	6	1
5	4	1	3	9	6	2	8	7

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BlueLion, Hope you find somewhere in your heart to forgive me, I know our love can battle anything that comes our way. This a grey cloud that will soon be a beautiful sunshine. I am not giving up on us and neither will I give up on our love. **PURPLEPANDA**

My handsome hero
It hurts so much that you are not with me my handsome knight and hero, I keep you in my thoughts and dreams every night, please dont stay away forever, I will wait forever as I promised. **YOUR LADY**

you, And i will never give up on our love,,,ever! **YOUR LADY**

A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -12°	Min -4°	Min -6°
Max 3°	Max 1°	Max 8°

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
As mind planet Mercury moves into your sign, you must set your sights higher. Aim for the top.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You need to branch out on your own and do things that benefit you, not other people. That might sound a bit selfish but it's OK.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
You may be a bit quiet today. But with Mercury moving into the friendship area of your chart, you won't be withdrawn for long.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Some comments that come your way today will be unflattering but there is no point reacting to them.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Your life is complicated enough as it is without taking on even more responsibilities. You should be looking for ways to do less.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Hold out for what you are worth, even if those who control the purse strings warn that you risk ending up with nothing.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
What looks like a setback early in the day will turn out to be just what you need later in the day.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Some things are important and some things are not. Leave the trivial stuff for trivial people.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Focus on what you enjoy doing today, even if loved ones keep telling you it isn't productive.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You may be tempted to take some kind of gamble today, most likely because someone you are close to emotionally expects it of you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Keep things simple over the next 24 hours and ignore the nagging thought you are not using your time and energy as wisely.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
There are wonderful opportunities coming your way. Luck is what you make of it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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